

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-9. (canceled)

10. (previously presented) A household electrical appliance comprising a support and a waffle-iron which comprises:

a top panel and a bottom panel hinged to each other by a hinge to move between an open position and a closed position, the waffle-iron being pivotally mounted on the support about a pivot axis to move between at least a working angular position in which an axis of the hinge is oriented horizontally, the top panel being above the bottom panel, and an upside-down angular position in which the axis of the hinge is oriented horizontally, the top panel being beneath the bottom panel,

the appliance further comprising a releasable locking device acting on the relative movement between the top and bottom panels to allow the top panel to move freely relative to the bottom panel when the device is in its working angular position, and to lock the top panel in its closed position relative to the bottom panel when the device is in its upside-down angular position,

wherein the locking device comprises a locking element secured to the top panel, a pivot secured to the bottom panel

extending along the pivot axis remotely from the hinge, a housing adapted to receive the locking element when the two panels are in the closed position, and a bearing carried by the support in which the pivot is pivotally mounted, said bearing being shaped as to prevent the panels from opening when the waffle-iron is in the upside-down angular position and including an opening which is disposed as to allow the locking element to pass in order to allow the waffle-iron to open and close when the waffle-iron is in its working angular position, and

wherein the bearing has a clamping tongue projecting from the bearing along the pivot axis away from the device, and disposed beneath the pivot.

11-13. (canceled)

14. (previously presented) A household electrical appliance comprising a support and a waffle-iron which comprises a top panel and a bottom panel hinged to each other by a hinge to move about a hinge axis between an open position and a closed position,

the waffle-iron being pivotally mounted on the support about a pivot axis to move between at least a working angular position in which the hinge axis is oriented horizontally and said top panel is above said bottom panel, and an upside-down angular position in which the hinge axis is oriented horizontally and said top panel is beneath said bottom panel,

the appliance further comprising a releasable lock acting on the relative movement between said top and bottom panels to allow said top panel to move freely relative to said bottom panel when the waffle-iron is in its working angular position, and to lock said top panel in its closed position relative to said bottom panel when the waffle-iron is in its upside-down angular position,

said support carrying a bearing delimiting an internal cylindrical hole that has an inner diameter and extends along the pivot axis, said bearing having on its upper half an opening leading to said cylindrical hole, said opening having in the horizontal direction a dimension smaller than that of the inner diameter of said cylindrical hole,

said bottom panel carrying a cylindrical pivot extending along the pivot axis remotely from said hinge, said cylindrical pivot having an outer diameter substantially equal to the inner diameter of said cylindrical hole in order to be pivotally mounted in said cylindrical hole and to be held captive therein,

said cylindrical pivot including a housing that has in the hinge axis direction a dimension substantially equal to or smaller than the horizontal dimension of said opening in order to extend said opening when the waffle-iron is in its working angular position, and

said top panel carrying a locking element extending remotely from said hinge along a longitudinal direction that corresponds to the pivot axis direction when said top panel is in its closed position, said locking element having in the hinge axis direction a dimension substantially equal to that of said housing in order to pass through said opening when the waffle-iron is in its working angular position and said top panel is moved relatively to said bottom panel, and, in order to be received by said housing when said top panel is in its closed position, said locking element having in a transverse direction that is perpendicular to both the longitudinal direction and the hinge axis direction a dimension substantially equal to the dimension of said housing in an opening direction that is perpendicular to both the pivot axis direction and the hinge axis direction in order to prevent said top panel from opening when the waffle-iron is in its upside-down angular position.

15. (previously presented) The household electrical appliance according to claim 14, wherein the locking element is a blade extending along the pivot axis.

16. (previously presented) The household electrical appliance according to claim 14, wherein the housing is a slot limited by a bottom wall extending along a plane normal to the opening direction and two side walls extending along a plane normal to the hinge axis direction.

17. (previously presented) The household electrical appliance according to claim 14, wherein the bearing has a clamping tongue projecting from the bearing along the pivot axis away from the device and disposed beneath the hole.

18. (previously presented) The household electrical appliance according to claim 14, wherein the pivot is connected to the bottom panel by a connection blade extending along the pivot axis.

19. (previously presented) The household electrical appliance according to claim 14, wherein the device has a single handle that is connected to said top panel by said locking element.

20. (previously presented) The household electrical appliance according to claim 14, wherein the device has a second pivot beside the hinge and that is held captive and pivotally mounted in a second bearing secured to the support.

21. (new) The household appliance according to claim 14, wherein said releasable lock comprises said bearing, said cylindrical pivot that is pivotally mounted in said cylindrical hole and held captive therein, and said locking element that is able to pass through said opening when the waffle-iron is in its working angular position and said top panel is moved relatively to said bottom panel, is received by said housing when said top panel is in its closed position, and is held captive in said

housing when said top panel is in its closed position and said waffle-iron is in its upside-down angular position.